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Keeping guns out of abusers' hands

A law enforcement official leaves First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Tuesday. As survivors began telling their stories, more details emerged about the gunman. AP/DAVID J. PHILLIP

In the wake of another mass shooting, Flake seeks to tackle gun-law loopholes

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Responding to the Sunday massacre of churchgoers in Texas, Sen. Jeff Flake has introduced bipartisan legislation to make it harder for people who have been convicted of domestic violence to get firearms.

Flake, R-Arizona, is teaming up with Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-New Mexico, that aims to clarify ambiguity related to a 1996 change to the Gun Control Act of 1968 that requires the military to report domestic-violence misdemeanors to the national database used for gun-purchase background checks.

The gunman in the Sutherland Springs mass shooting, Devin Kelley,

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A young girl prays during a memorial service for victims of Sunday's mass shooting. MARK RALSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Find more coverage of the Texas church shooting on **page 1B,** and follow the latest developments at **USATODAY.com.**

City may sue drug firms over opioids

Stanton: Crisis putting strain on public safety

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A group of Phoenix leaders wants the city to follow a nationwide trend and take legal action against pharmaceutical companies that they believe are responsible for the nation's opioid epidemic.

Mayor Greg Stanton and councilwomen Thelda Williams and Debra Stark sent a letter to City Manager Ed Zuercher on Tuesday detailing how the opioid crisis has "created an incredible strain" on the city's public safety personnel.

Stanton, Williams and Stark blame the rapid increase in opioid-related deaths across the country on pharmaceutical manufactures and distributors that launched a "fraudulent marketing campaign that minimized the risks of opioids."

"Pharmaceutical companies are making billions while people suffer

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Bundy trial delayed over questions on surveillance

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LAS VEGAS — The trial against Cliven Bundy and his sons was delayed for a week over questions about whether the government withheld surveillance videos of the Bundy Ranch during the 2014 standoff.

Jurors were about to be called into the courtroom to hear opening statements Tuesday when the trial derailed and federal prosecutors were asked to account for evidence they said did not exist.

U.S. District Court Judge Gloria Navarro said she could not determine,

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Test pilots for driverless cars taking a back seat in Ariz.

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Nobody is behind the wheel in some of Waymo's white minivans shuttling people around Chandler and other East Valley cities, the company announced Tuesday.

For more coverage on driverless cars, go to **azcentral.com**.

Arizona is the first global testing ground for the truly driverless cars on public roads, Waymo CEO John Krafcik said during a technology conference speech in Lisbon, Portugal.

Much like the Uber Volvos and Chevy Bolts testing autonomous technology in the Phoenix area, Waymo's Chrysler Pacifica hybrid minivans and Lexus RX 450h vehicles have relied on a driver behind the wheel to take control when needed.

Now Waymo is removing the driver entirely for some trips, just as it has on its private testing grounds in California.

In October, the company successfully tested one of its driverless minivans — with employees in the back seat — on public roads in the Chandler area and plans to continue similar tests.

Last year, Waymo began offering free rides for families traveling in its desig-

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Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes does a live Facebook update after polls closed Tuesday night at the Maricopa County Elections Office in Phoenix. CARLOS SALCEDO/THE REPUBLIC

Career as NFL backup is good fodder for standup

Since taking over for the injured Carson Palmer two weeks ago, Cardinals quarterback Drew Stanton has joked about his speed, coach Bruce Arians' play selection and life as a career backup. It's not that he doesn't take the game seriously — he does. But that doesn't mean he can't lighten the mood. **1C**

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